GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2911
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2008
MISSING OF INDIAN SHIP AND CREW MEMBERS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian ship which was navigating from Russia to Turkey alongwith several Indian crew went missing;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the circumstances under which the ship was lost;

(c) the name of the company which hired/operated the ship;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any investigation into the matter; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a): The vessel that was reported missing while navigating from Russia to Turkey was MV .Rezzak, a Panamanian registered vessel and not an Indian ship.

(b): The vessel during its voyage in the Black Sea apparently encountered rough weather conditions due to the prevailing gale force winds. The last position report from the vessel was received on 18th February, 2008. Since then, no further information is known about its whereabouts.

(c): The company which hired the ship was "Carbofer, General Trading S.A".Turkey and the Company which operated the ship was "CMR Denizcilik ve Ticaret A.S, Turkey.

(d) to (e): An investigating officer of the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai is in Turkey and is taking part in the investigation into this incident which is being conducted by the Flag state Panama in Turkey.